

Reagon has used her unique talent, keen intellect, and deep commitment to create a group that is revered and loved both for its music and for its dedication to the struggles of oppressed people everywhere.

Sweet Honey uses the experience of African Americans with racial discrimination to inspire others to struggle against all forms of oppression. The group continually reminds us all that the black civil rights movement of the 1960s was not about parochial issues but about universal principles of human rights. And, as Sweet Honey reminds us in songs about the denial of the vote here, human rights must always begin at home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring the unwavering activism and award-winning talent of this great ensemble, whose dedicated and creative approach to encouraging freedom around the world should serve as an inspiration to all who work for full democracy and complete congressional representation for the people of the District of Columbia.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JONATHAN L.
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HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 24, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today to express gratitude and congratulations to one of Colorado's outstanding citizens, Mr. Jonathan L. Hotaling of Denver, Colorado. All who have been fortunate to know Jon speak of his commitment to God and his service to the community. I know Jon Hotaling and am glad to say he has been a strong leader in Colorado.

Jon is currently the Executive Director of the Christian Coalition of Colorado. He is a Colorado native who graduated from the University of Colorado in 1995. Jon became a Christian in his first semester of college and since that time has given up the worldly plan that most youths have. Instead of fame or fortune, Jon passed up many lucrative jobs in the area of finance to fight for justice in the public square. It is encouraging to see a young man follow the plan of the Savior, never persuaded to be of the world.

During his tenure as Executive Director, the Christian Coalition of Colorado has been recognized as the fastest growing state-based, pro-family political organization in all of America. Jon himself led the four-year successful campaign to eliminate taxpayer money going to Colorado abortionists such as Planned Parenthood. The funding contradicted Article 5, Section 50 of the Colorado Constitution.

Jon is a distinguished individual carrying out both his personal and professional lives with the values of dignity, respect, reverence to God, and a dedication to serving his community. He is truly a fine example for all Americans.

A native Coloradoan, Jon not only makes his community proud, but also those of his state and country. It is a true honor to know such an extraordinary citizen, a man who will be known as one who stood against the injustices of the world. We truly owe him a debt of

gratitude for his service and dedication to America. I ask the House to join me in extending wholehearted congratulations to Mr. Jonathan Hotaling.

HONORING EVELYN "BLACKIE"
WATTERS AND THE OTERO
COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give thanks to a very special group of ladies in Otero County, Colorado. The Otero County Republican Women work diligently to promote and defend the ideals of the Republican Party. They have been supportive of me, my staff, and every effort I have pursued in the Congress.

They are tireless leaders in their community, and I am so proud to have been able to represent them in Congress for the past six years. Their efforts on behalf of Republican Women and the Republican Party do not go without great admiration and appreciation.

One member of this organization that must be specifically recognized is Evelyn "Blackie" Watters. She leads this group with extraordinary skill, enthusiasm and vigor. The Otero County Republican Women are fortunate to have such a strong Republican woman at the helm. She is a testament to Republican activists throughout Colorado.

HONORING JACKSON SMITH

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Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jackson Smith of Loveland, Colorado, former maintenance director for the building where Colorado's Fourth Congressional district office is located.

Jackson is a true American who takes pride in his work. Throughout the time he worked with my office, he always responded to trouble calls in a timely manner and was eager to fix any problems. He didn't wait for us to call to tell him light bulbs were burned out, he would periodically stop by the office to check and inquire about any needs we may have had. Jackson is the type of person every company would like on their payroll. Besides his work in building maintenance, Jackson is an avid Georgia Bulldogs and Atlanta Falcons football fan. He also coached boys and girls Golden Glove boxing, traveling to tournaments on weekends.

Jackson is a Democrat who said he voted Republican for the first time in his life when he voted for me to serve here in the Congress. He said he discovered Republicans were pretty nice people and told his friends to vote for me also.

Much to our regret, Jackson left the company he was working for and went to work for another maintenance company in a nearby

city. He stopped by the office on October 21 to say "hi" and "bye." He is moving to Georgia to be near family as he was told he has a terminal case of cancer. He will be undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Jackson is the kind of person who is not a quitter and we pray that God's will be done. Jackson is an outstanding American and a great example to our young people.

May God bless Jackson Smith. The thoughts and prayers of his friends and co-workers are with him. They will always remember his warm smile and his big heart.

HONORING GEORGE HALL

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Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Hall of Greeley, Colorado as an outstanding businessman, community leader and benefactor. Mr. Hall is a fourth generation Coloradan who joined the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. In 1957 George and his wife Betty moved to Greeley and shortly thereafter founded what is now the Hall-Irwin Corporation of which Mr. Hall has served as President and CEO for the past 39 years. In that time, the Hall-Irwin Corporation has grown from a four-person operation to a business that has six divisions and employs over 300 people. Under George's leadership, Hall-Irwin has been honored by the Greeley/Weld Economic Development Action Partnership with the "Industry Excellence Award."

In addition to his business, George Hall has also been active as a community leader, being first elected to the Greeley City Council in 1965. After serving two terms as Councilman, Mr. Hall was then elected to four consecutive terms as Greeley City Mayor.

A recipient of numerous awards for community service, Mr. Hall has received the "Community Excellence Award," the "Weld County Citizen of the Year Award," and the "Weld Distinguished Citizen Award" presented by the Longs Peak Boy Scouts Council.

At a time in his life when many people are content to simply enjoy retirement, George Hall remains active as a member of several boards, committees and philanthropic organizations including Greeley Rotary, Aims Community College Foundation Board of Directors, Greeley Chamber of Commerce, Greeley/Weld EDAP Board of Directors, and the University of Northern Colorado Business College Advisory Council. George also continues to be active with the youth of his community by sharing his wisdom and talents as an assistant baseball coach for the city's youth league. Another of his most recent projects has been to manage Greeley's "Quality of Life" campaign, which will add parks and recreation areas for future generations to enjoy.

Despite the tremendous success in all that he does, Mr. Hall is a modest, humble man who serves as a role model to those who know him and whose lives he touches. I ask the House to join me in commemorating the remarkable Mr. George Hall of Colorado.